The Washington Times.

PRESIDENT LAUDS THE

Has Been Zealous in Postoffice Frauds Matter.

Cannot Devote All His Time to It.

The appointment of Holmes Conrad his office, and, of course, every effort

and Charles J. Bonaparte to assist in must be exerted to bring such offenders

the prosecutions brought and to be to punishment by the utmost rigor of

onnection with the Postoffice Depart- duties, to devote all the time necessary

PETER, THE DISGRACED EXILE,

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ENTERS HIS NATIVE SERVIA

TO BECOME PETER THE KING

NUMBER 3300.

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1903.

PRICE ONE CENT.

WILSON ANNOUNCES INQUIRY INTO SEEDS

Contracts for Distribution THEATERS BAR DOORS Are Being Investigated Independently by Agricultural Department.

Second Award Made to Nellis in Spite of Complaints as to Fulfillment of Obligations in 1899.

"We have known of these things in the department for some time, and we intend to probe them to the bottom. We believe that we have held up enough to reimburse the Government for any in the hands of the attorney for the Department of Agriculture, and it is pending before the Court of Claims. M. E. Church, which was selected after Other officers of the department are all efforts to get a larger auditorium had Henry Siegel, was waiting off Sandy without the slightest foundation," and conducting an investigation. Prof. Gal- failed. loway has the matter in his hands."

Thus spoke the Secretary of Agriculture this morning concerning the allegations made that the Government has been defrauded out of many thousands of dollars in seed contracts.

ers' Association, which is suing to recover about \$18,000, alleged still to be due on contracts made in 1901, have created more or less of a sensation, and have never opened to a negro comthey may lead to still other investiga-

Charges Accumulating.

Charges and counter charges are ac cumulating rapidly and have been accumulating since 1898 and 1899, when the New York Market Gardeners' Association obtained its first contract with the Government, and when many complaints were made that Arthur C. Nellis, the manager of the association, was not fulfilling his obligations to the Govern-

These charges have been intensified since the second contract was awarded to Mr. Nellis, despite the trouble over the first contract, and despite the protests of certain officers.

Those who awarded the second contract ignored the protests, it is asserted, because Mr. Nellis' bld was the lowest made-so low, in fact, that many experts were aware at the White commencements were sought, but time that it would be almost impossible for him to fulfill his obligations.

Delay in Performing Contracts.

The second contract was also awarded in the face of official reports, in which was shown that in the performance of the first contract, there had been the most serious delay, which had tangled up the distribution for the year. One of these reports was made by the then chief of the seed division, Capt. Robert J. Whittleton.

This report bore the date of August 28, 1899, and dealt with the distribution of the seed by the New York Market Gardeners' Association in the year ended June 30, 1899, and says in part:

'The cost to the department of the "In addition to the above contract list, there was expended for various kinds of seeds, which were distributed miscellaneously by the seed division during the fiscal year, the sum of \$4,358.36. These seeds were sent to such localities as were best adapted for their culture, and at proper time for planting.

"Among the varieties distributed were wheat, oats, buckwheat, field corn, velvet beans, cotton, grasses, turnip, and been kept in this division showing where, when, and to whom the same have been sent.

Begun in January.

"Referring again to that part of the distribution which had been contracted for with the New York Market Garden- It is thought ers' Association, I have to say that the work was begun about January 1, 1899. or soon thereafter, and ended on or

"A. C. Nellis, acting in the capacity of manager for the contracting associaton, being himself a member of the firm, had charge of the distribution in so far as the said firm was obligated by contract. Mr. Nellis was much of the time greatly handicapped in the work of thought and work in the religious ments of seeds while in transit to this city, causing waste of much valuable of boys under five feet in height.

"In some cases the varieties named (Continued on Second Page.)

THE WEATHER REPORT.

There will be showers tonight lower lake region and middle Atlantic States, continuing tomorrow. There will be showers tomorrow in the south At-lantic and east Gulf States and the Ohio

	TEMPER	ATURE.	
9 a. m			6
1 p. m			6
Sam note	THE !		7.40
Sun rises	tomorrow TIDE T		4.23 a.m

TO NEGRO GRADUATES

Would Not Permit High School Commencements.

EXERCISES HELD IN CHURCH

Precedent of Twenty Years Ignored. Race Press Indignant Over

that may have accrued. The the negro public schools. The com- and Secretary Wilding, a heavy stockmencements of the M Street High School | holder in the combine. and the Armstrong Manual Training

All Were Engaged.

Representatives of the Board of Education called on the managers of the Columbia, Lafayette and Chase's Theater. All of them said their stock com-The exposures made by The Times of mencements. A letter to the manager of yesterday as to the testimony in the the Academy of Music brought a reply case of the New York Market Garden- that his house could not be opened for commencements. No application was made to the National Theater. Its doors

Precedents of Former Years.

Last year the M Street High School held its closing exercises in the Lafayette Theater. The year before the school had its commencement at the Columbia Theater and it has used the Academy of Music for its graduating exercises.

For twenty years all commencements of negro public schools in the city have been held in public halls and theaters. But this year the M Street School was compelled to seek a negro church en the night of June 12, and the Armstrong Manual Training School held its closing exercises there on June 16.

Negro Press Indignant.

The negro press is commenting freely on the refusal of Washington theater managers to rent their buildings for the closing exercises of the colored schools. even the District Commissioners could not persuade managers to rent for a

colored gathering. "Why did the managers throw up their hands in holy horror at the very mention of renting to the colored school-a thing they had been doing for twenty years?" asks a Boston paper, in discussion of the action of the Washington managers. "Is it a sign of a step back- Boutell of Illinois Finds Sentiment Another Disaster to British Arms in ward that the negro is compelled to again seek his church for all meetings?"

GRAZING WITH CATTLE. PHYSICIAN FALLS DEAD

Eats Poisonous Herbs.

KOKOMO, Ind., June 24 .- Dr. Edward Stanton, a well-known character of this place for sixty years, died today, aged

Years ago Stanton lost his practice of the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt. He and fortune and it affected his mind, believes that more Democrats favor Mr. Since then he had imagined himself an Roosevelt than have ever expressed an ox, and grass and hay were his princi- opinion in favor of any other Repubpal diet. He walked on all-fours in the lican. vegetable seeds, of which a record has pasture of the county farm, grazing constantly with the cattle, horses, and sheep. He almost lost his power of speech and of late years his conversation consisted of guttural sounds, re-

sembling those of an animal. He died suddenly as he was grazing, with mouth and stomach full of grass. It is thought poisonous herbs killed him. He had no known relatives.

UNITED BOYS' BRIGADE OF AMERICA MAY MEET HERE

The advisory board of the District of Columbia division of the United Boys' Brigade, of America, held a meeting at headquarters, 302 Columbian Building.

The national headquarters will be petitioned to hold the 1904 convention in this city. This year it will be held in Baltimore on October 2, 3, and 4.

PRACTICED MEDICINE

practicing medicine in Washington gun. with an office in the Fremont Hotel,

High tide tomorrow, 7:38 a.m., 8:05 p.m. present in Low tide tomorrow, 1:30 a.m., 2:15 p.m. bear on the discovery of America.

LIPTON AND MORGAN PAYNE RESENTS REACH NEW YORK MADDEN'S LETTER

Welcomes Sir Thomas.

FINANCIAL WORLD AGOG TALK OF A GENERAL LEAK

Wall Street Magnate Expected to Smooth Out Difficulties in Family of Trusts.

NEW YORK, June 24 .- On board the

An anxious delegation, composed of Crimmins, John Arbuckle, James H. is now in Detroit, in which the charge Smith, E. C. M. Rand, M. Barrett, and the arrival of the leviathan. They were but as a consideration due my office, America, and had the permission of the story ollector of the port to stop the liner at Quarantine, take Sir Thomas aboard and convey him to the city, thus avoiding the delay that necessarily ensues in docking the steamer.

Big Task for Morgan.

bay by a welcoming delegation. His ar- and free discussion. rival is as anxiously awaited as is that of Sir Thomas, but for a vastly different reason. The financial world is anxious patience with General Madden in makput to the great financier for settle-

First there is the question of reorthe threatened traffic war against the present investigation was being given shipping trust caused by the Cunard out from some one in a high position. line breaking away from the agreement Then there is the Rockefeller-Gould and Pennsylvania trouble which Wall Street understands Mr. Morgan is desirous of settling. Mr. Rockefeller is anxious for peace and is expected to impress Mr. Morgan with the necessity for action. It was reported that Mr. Morgan in-

tended remaining in Europe this summer, but was called home to stop the fighting in his family of trusts.

Will See the President.

Sir Thomas will be escorted to the ports. Waldorf-Astoria, where he will be the guest of honor at a dinner tonight. He the White House.

traveling over the country and had

Delegation Aboard Yacht Thinks He Should Have Waited on Department.

Postmaster General Aroused by Madden's Answer to Charge and Dissemination of Postoffice News.

Postmaster General Payne has set in White Star liner Oceanic, which was motion an inquiry as to what official of sighted off Sandy Hook lightship at 10:40 the Postoffice Department, if any, is rea. m., and which will dock this after- sponsible for the circulation of the ncon, are J. Pierpont Morgan, Sir charge that Third Assistant Postmaster Thomas Lipton, Sir Clinton Dawkins General Madden had so drawn up specihead of the London branch of Morgan fications for registry books as to ex-Washington theaters closed their doors & Co.; J. Bruce Ismay, one of the heads clude as bidders all manufacturers exthis year to the graduating exercises of of the Morgan ship combine in England, cept the General Manufacturing Company of Franklin, Pa., in which Con-

gressman Sibley is said to be interested. In his forenoon mail he had received a Adjt. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, John D. spirited letter from Mr. Madden, who Hook in the steam yacht Privateer for demanding, "not only as man to man, there to welcome Sir Thomas Lipton to investigation as to the authorship of the to the Postoffice Department immedi-

Conference With Assistants.

But Mr. Payne did not wait for the arrival of the official copy. He read in the morning papers the letter as made been had, and it is probable that other public by Mr. Madden, and without delay indictments will be hereafter asked called Mr. Wynne and Mr. Bristow to for. There can be no greater offense Mr. Morgan will not be met down the him, and the three gave the matter full against the Government than a breach

Mr. Payne was not in the best of humor over the incident. He was sut of and many momentous questions will be ing public a matter that he felt should have been left to the discretion of the head of the department. This feeling was aggravated by the knowledge that ganizing the shipbuilding combine and much private information relative to the

> Trouble With "Leaks." Mr. Wynne has been charged by close friends of the Postmaster General with having given out the greater part of this information. In some quarters the personal public criticism of Mr. Payne's course has been laid at his door. It is reported that for some months the feeling between the Postmaster General and his First Assistant has not been of such discussion or expianation of these re-

sistant Bristow deny that they have has also been invited to take luncheon given to the public any information rewith President Roosevelt on Friday at flecting upon, or tending to embarrass,

MANNING SUCCEEDS IN WITH MANY DEMOCRATS

Strong for President. Somaliland Averted.

Representative Henry S. Boutell of LONDON, June 24 .- An official dis-Illinois called on the President today patch received at the foreign office to- by the clerks around the department. He and recommended the appointment of F. day says that General Manning, in com-F. Peabedy, of Chicago, as a member of mand of the British forces in Somaliland, the commission to take charge of the who was recently reported to be sur-14,238,168 packets of seeds distributed Indianaian, Thinking Himself an Ox, lands. A commission of five members lah," has extricated himself, and that is to be appointed in compliance with an he arrived at Damot on Monday. Manact of Congress which will go into effect ning's casualties in this latest encounter were one man wounded and one Mr. Boutell said that he had been missing.

AS IT IS IN KENTUCKY.

found the sentiment unanimous in favor Caney. The trouble was over a game of cards. Purcell escaped, and officers are in pursuit, scouring the country. citizens, heavily armed, started in pursuit half an hour later, but at daybreak no trace of the men had been found.

YALE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES HELD

"I suggest, therefore, that if you can posal by the Postmaster General, every not detail some of your present staff, resource of the department, including you appoint special assistants in these the services of Mr. Robb, whom you detailed from the Department of Justice cases in which indictments have been ately after the removal of Mr. Tyner.

to the prosecution of these cases.

"The District Attorney's office for the

District of Columbia has faithfully and

zealously seconded the efforts of the

Postoffice Department in this matter

out the amount of work in the office

important public

is such as to make it difficult, without

Suggests Special Counsel.

found or hereafter may be found, but to examine into all charges that have been made against officials in the pos-"As a result of this investigation a tal service, with a view to the removal. number of indictments have already and prosecution of all guilty men in the service and the prosecution of guilty men, whether in the service or not, where the cases are not barred by the statute of limitations. "Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT"

RAND DECLARES HE IS NOT GOING TO RESIGN

brought on account of the postoffice dis-

closures, was the result of the follow-

ing letter from the President to Attor-

ment are now being investigated by

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General

Bristow, who has had placed at his dis-

Other Indictments in Prospect.

of trust on the part of a public of-

"White House

"Sir: As you know, the charges in neglecting other

Washington, June 22, 1903.

ney General Knox, made public today:

Intends to Stay in Postoffice De- Thought to Be Instigator of partment.

a cordial character as to permit of any friends for a while, and what official business he transacted in his capacity of assistant superintendent of the sal-First Assistant Wynne and Fourth As- aries and allowances division could not

But Mr. Rand appeared in public long rough to deny positively that he intended to resign, and to say that he expected to stay in the department for some time to come. He also denied that he would move his office over to the the charge that ex-Representative Loud, He said he had been spending his time in the Busch Building for the past week, engaged in superintending the removal of rural free delivery clerks from the

Star Building to the Busch Building. The statement from Mr. Rand that he purposes to remain in the postal seris manifestly unpopular with the clerks because of his alleged espionage on their actions in and out of the building.

ROBBERS LOOT BANK IN CHICAGO SUBURB

CHICAGO, June 24.-Robbers broke into the town bank at Cary, Ill., a western suburb of Chicago, at 2 o'clock this WEST LIBERTY, Ky., June 24.—Dave morning, blew open the safe with dyna-Purcell this morning shot and killed mite, and escaped with \$5,000 in cur-Mack Nickell and Gordon Wells, near rency and valuable papers. A posse of

THREATS OF REVENGE UTTERED BY MACHEN

Charge Against Loud.

H. H. Rand, confidential clerk to A. W. Machen, the dismissed superin-Postmaster General Payne, was at his tendent of free delivery who has been office in the Postoffice Department this indicted by the Federal grand july, is girls had stationed themselves, and as morning, ready for business. He was maintaining a bold front in the presence of his friends, and roundly asserts that ! he will never be convicted.

He also makes threatening allusions to sclosures he could make if pressed too hard, and he may yet say things which will add interest to the investigations Long before he was arrested Macher hinted that he was the possessor of dark secrets that would cause trouble if given to the public.

of California, was unduly interested in the premier. The Russian representathe success of a San Francisco firm live then presented his Austrian colwhich obtained a large order from the league. department for a patent collection time register on street letter boxes. Machen is said to have had other prominent men in mind, a few months ago, as victims of his revenge if he were forced to the wall, but he has not yet announced their names.

COMMISSIONERS REPLY TO WILDWOOD COMPLAIN

Hearing Begun This Morning in the District Court.

The District Commissioners, through Corporation Counsel Duvall, made answer this morning to the proceedings filed in equity last week by the persons leasing the Wildwood resort. The hearing was begun this morning and will probably last all of today. A decision will be rendered tomorrow.

The injunction asked for by the Wild TODAY IN NEW WOOLSEY AUDITORIUM wood poolroom operators is to restrain the Commissioners from interfering in any way with the operation of the resort, either by cutting wires or otherwise. The contention is that Wildwood is outside the jurisdiction of the District Commissioners and is a matte which should be prosecuted by the United States Government.

The attorneys for the complainants further argue that the street railroad running to Wildwood was built prior to the organization of the township of Takoma, and therefore should have a prior consideration.

HENRY ENTERTAINS AMERICAN OFFICERS

KIEL, June 24 .- Prince Henry of Prusa Yale graduate, for many years of the some of the minor officers of the American ject of indignation, and is reported to vessels now at Kiel, at lunch in the re contemplating a journey abroad. Masters of arts-Herbert Walcott palace. The Princess Henry and the

Prince Henry greeted his guests heart-

His Departure From Belgrade, the Capital, Was in Secret, and There Was None So Poor to Do Him Reverence.

ACCLAIMED TODAY BY MERCURIAL POPULACE

His Return Is Marked by a Con inuous Ovation From the Hungarian Frontier, Where Officials Meet Him.

BELGRADE, June 24.-After years of xile, a Kara-Georgovitch is again King of Servia. King Peter I arrived in Beigrade this morning, and was greeted with all the acclaim a mercurial populace can accord a new ruler

His majesty arrived at Semlin, on the Hungarian frontier, at 10:30 o'clock, and was there met and welcomed by the members of the cabinet, the city authorities, the highest officials of the provisional government, a guard of honor, the presidents of the various tribunals and most of the diplomatic representatives in Belgrade. The government officials, after going through the old Eastern custom of handing the King bread and salt, started for this city amid a wild scene of enthusiasp

Departed in Disgrace.

Far different from his departure from Servia was the new King's triumphal return. He departed in disgrace, an exile from his native land; he returned the choice of the people, the object of their love and reverence. His departure was in silence and secret, while he returned to the music of trumpets, playing of bands and the cheers of the multi-

The city was today in festival spirit. An enthusiastic crowd of over 100,000 persons filled the streets. The King's drive from the station to the palace was one continuous ovation. A pretty incident was the presenting of flowers to the King drove by they almost buried nim in bouquets

Takes Oath Tomorrow.

Festivities of all kinds have been aranged for the rest of the week, begining with an immense torchlight procesion tonight. His majesty will take the oath of office as King before the skuptchina tomorrow.

The first foreign representative to be presented to King Peter was the Rus-

Ministers Leave City.

A noticeable feature of the reception to the King at the palace was the absence of many of the diplomatic repreentatives. The Dutch, Turkish, Engish, and French ministers left the city entirely, while the German and Italian presentatives kept away from the cere-

The absence of the Italian minister has caused comment, as it was generally supposed that the Italian government was most friendly toward the new sov-

MINISTER JACKSON GONE FROM BELGRADE

United States Minister Jackson has sone from Belgrade, the Servian capital, pursuant to instructions sent him sevral days ago. These were to the effect that he was to take no action that would render him conspicuous, but if the diplematic corps generally decided to sever onnections there he was to do the ame thing. In other words, he was to be governed by the attitude of the cajority.

He has informed the department that e will return to Athens by way of Contantinople.

SERVIAN CONSPIRATORS INSANE, SAYS "DIE ZEIT"

VIENNA, June 24 .- "Die Zeit" today eports that five officers of the Sixth Servian Infantry, who were prime movers in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, have become insane, while others, actuated by relorse, have committed suicide.

Threatening letters have been addressed to the other conspirators from The Servian government, according to 'Die Zeit," is attempting to conceal

these facts. KILLED STEPFATHER IN DEFENDING MOTHER

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 24 .-

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24.-Yale N. Y., of the senior class, academical Witt Alexander, Yale '55, since 1872 surwork of the community. It was decided stowed degrees to the number of 667 on States." at the meeting to organize a battalion the graduates and special students in The Cobden Club medal for proficiency

July 1.

all departments. For the first time in history the commencement exercises were held in the senior class, academical department. the corporation and faculty and candi- the Yale graduate school, for his essay WITHOUT LICENSE dates for honorary degrees leading them, on the subject of Sidney Lanier. formed on the Yale campus at 10 o'clock.

On the arrival at the hall the exercises without a license, demanded a jury trial were opened with music by the New- of agriculture in the Sheffield Scientific

today held her 202d commencement, and department, for an essay on "The Fed-veyor general of the Hawaiian Islands, before the day is over she will have be- eral Regulation of Trusts in the United and author of many works on the

Six Hundred and Sixty-Seven Degrees to Be Conferred in the Course of the Day.

President Hadley Delivers His Annual Address and Announces the

Award of Prizes for the Year.

in political economy was awarded to M. B. Terrill, of Decherd, Tenn., of the new Woolsey Auditorium on the new The John A. Porter University prize Yale campus. The procession of gradu- essay has been awarded to Richard ates of the various departments, with Webb, of Durham, N. C., a student in

The candidates for honorary degrees Dr. Nathan A. Springer, who has been when the march to Woolsey Hall was be- were presented by Prof. Perrin and degrees conferred as follows:

LL. D.-William H. Brewer, professor

islands. Doctors of Divinity-The Rev. Lyman

Abbott, pastor of Plymouth Church, succeeding Henry Ward Beecher, and editor of the "Outlook;" the Rev. William Rogers Richardson, recently called to sia this morning entertained Ambassador Queen's cousin, who is named as the the Brick Church in New York city, and Tower, Admiral Cotton, the captains and one who killed her, is the special ob-Plainfield, N. J., Presbyterian Church. Powen, Yale, 1878, and recent minister Princess of Pless were present. to Venezuela in the course of the imbroglio there; George S. Hutchings, ily, and said the Emperor was gratihead of the Hutchings-Votey Company, of fied that the American Government had Boston, builders of the new Newberry accepted his invitation for the squadron in the Police Court today. The phyberry Orchestra, and the singing of the School, a member of the first class to Johnson Lang, conductor of the Apollo American visitors, he said, would greatsician's friends deposited \$50 collateral sixty-fifth psalm. President Arthur T. be graduated from the school and just Ciub, the Cecilia Society, and the Han-ly add to the Kaiser's pleasure. Infor-THE SUN.

ASKS LOAN OF VATICAN.

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ROME, June 24.—The Vatican has been requested to lend the St. Louis Exposition all the documents and maps at tomorrow, 7:39 p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

7:10 p.m.

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The United States (irrective of Henry Jacobs, his structor in military science at Yale:

Charles Miliard Pratt, president of the American persentatives to The State Table.

The United States (irrective farships.

The Bennett, prize for an essay on the American representatives to The State Table.

The United States (irrective farships.

The Carles Miliard Pratt, president of the American of the Hadley then delivered his annual ad- appointed professor emeritus; Judge del-Haydn Society, of Boston; James mal toasts were then exchanged.